

**Council Organization Item #11**  
**City Council *Rules of Order***

**RESOLUTION  
OF THE  
CITY OF MINNEAPOLIS**

**By Johnson**

**Concurring in the adoption of Resolution 2013R-381 as the definitive Minneapolis City Council *Rules of Order*.**

Whereas, pursuant to Minneapolis City Charter § 1.2 and § 4.5, the legislative and policy-making powers of the municipal government are vested in the City Council, except as otherwise provided by law, and such powers and authority are to be exercised in the common interests, safety, health, and general welfare of the City of Minneapolis; and

Whereas, the City Council is empowered to regulate its own procedures, as provided in Minneapolis City Charter, § 4.3, and to that end has adopted *Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised*, as its parliamentary authority, in addition to adopting a number of special rules which collectively define and govern its legislative process with respect to the consideration and transaction of municipal business; and

Whereas, the City Council desires to ensure that the business of the City of Minneapolis is conducted in an orderly and efficient manner which facilitates effective deliberative processes; and

Whereas, a comprehensive revision of the existing rules of the City Council was adopted August 30, 2013, to align with the most current procedures and practices established in *Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised*, (11th edition), to eliminate duplicative and outdated provisions, and to re-organize the contents in a series of ten rules arranged by subject matter and supplemented with a table of contents, reference charts, annotations, and explanatory notes intended to facilitate use;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by The City Council of The City of Minneapolis:

That it concurs in the adoption of Resolution 2013R-381 as the definitive *Rules of Order* of the City Council of the City of Minneapolis which shall regulate the proceedings of the City Council and its committees.

Be It Further Resolved that the City Clerk is hereby directed to correct the *Rules of Order* to conform to the standing committee structure established by the City Council and to reflect any further amendments required and to report back to the Elections & Rules Committee for its consideration and recommendation to the City Council.

Be It Further Resolved that the City Council hereby directs the City Clerk to produce sufficient copies of the *Rules of Order* and to maintain the same for ready reference and use by the City Council, its committees, staff, and the public.